

**IN THE UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS  
FOR VETERANS CLAIMS**

<b>THOMAS R. BYRD,</b>	)	
Appellant,	)	
	)	
v.	)	Vet. App. No. 15-2645
<b>ROBERT A. McDONALD</b>	)	
Secretary of Veterans Affairs,	)	
	)	
Appellee.	)	

**APPELLEE’S UNOPPOSED MOTION FOR A 45-DAY  
EXTENSION OF TIME, UNTIL JUNE 6, 2016, TO FILE THE SECRETARY’S  
BRIEF**

Pursuant to Rules 26(b), 27, and 45(g) of this Court’s Rules of Practice and Procedure (Rules), Appellee, Robert A. McDonald, Secretary of Veterans Affairs, respectfully requests a 45-day extension of time within which to file the Secretary’s brief in the above-captioned case. The brief, otherwise due April 22, 2016, would then be due on or before Monday, June 6, 2016.

The request for additional time is requested because of competing work due in cases other than this one, including preparation of 10 briefs to be filed with the Court in April 2016, preparing for 13 Rule-33 briefing conferences, negotiating 5 joint motions for remand and responding to 2 applications for attorney’s fees and expenses pursuant to the Equal Access to Justice Act. As a result, the Secretary is unable to meet the April 18, 2016, filing deadline in this case. An extension of 45 days, until June 6, 2016, is requested.

The Secretary was previously granted 0 days of extension time in this case. Appellant has received 45 days of extension time in this case.

Appellant’s counsel has been contacted and is unopposed to this motion.

**WHEREFORE**, Appellee respectfully moves the Court for an extension of time of 45 days to file the Secretary’s brief, until June 6, 2016.

Respectfully submitted,

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